Utilisation of Unintended Benefit

1596. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3174 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th December, 1987 and state:

(a) what is the purpose for which the amount recovered from drug companies due to overcharging the poor consumer can be spent according to DPCO, 1979 and 1987;

(b) what are the purposes for which the amount collected has actually been spent; and

(c) what is the amount so far spent against the purposes stipulated and the authority under which it has been utilised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The purposes for which the amount recovered from drug companies under the provisions of DPCO, 1979 can be spent are contained in Paragraph 17 of DPCO, 1979 and Paragraph 14 of DPCO, 1987 which were laid on the Table of the House. The total amount distributed till date from the Drug Prices Equilisation Accounts is Rs. 1792.56 lakhs.

Production of two-wheelers manufactured by Scooters India Ltd.

1597. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for the shortfall in the production of two-wheelers manufactured by Scooters India Ltd.;

(b) what are the other items being produced by SIL at present; and

(c) what is the profit/loss account of Scooters India Ltd. during the last two years; and the steps being taken by Government to reduce the losses?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The main reasons for the short fall in production of two wheelers manufactured by Scooters India Ltd. are:—

(i) Consumer preference for other makes of Scooters.

(ii) Old plant and machinery and inadequate technical support.

(b) The unit in Lucknow manufactures two and three wheelers. A unit in Delhi manufacturers electric fans.

(c) YEAR	LOSS (Rs. in lakhs)
1986-87	2335
1987-88	2760

As Scooters India Ltd. has been incurring losses since inception, the Government have deicded to transfer the agreed assets and equivalent liabilities of the Scooters India Limited's Lucknow unit for the manufacture of two wheelers and three wheelers to a leading two-wheeler manufacturer.

Policy on foreign collaboration for non-priority items

1598. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy regarding foreign collaborations for non-priority items; and

(b) whether export commitment makes a non-priority item into a priority item?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Government has laid down the Foreign Collaboration guidelines which are based on national priorities. Import of technical know-how is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, n export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India